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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate or fresh Northeast
winds. Cloudy with scattered drizzle at first; becoming
fine. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1022.4 mbs.
30.19 in. Temperature 55.0 deg. F. Dew point 57 deg. F.
Relative humidity 70. Wind direction East. Wind force 13
knots.
High water: 7 ft. 1 in. at 8:30 p.m. Low water: 2 ft.
1 in. at 3:30 p.m. (Tuesday).

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Trapped Men Rescued

Benton, Wisconsin, Feb. 27.—Fifteen miners were removed safely today from a zinc mine shaft in which they were trapped 167 feet below the surface when fire destroyed the mine building at the head of the shaft.

Rescue crews found the men and brought them to safety on an improvised hoist. The miners were working in the drift of the main shaft and were preparing to leave when fire broke out.

After the fire was put out, the mine superintendent talked to the men through the debris and assured them they would be rescued soon. —United Press.

MAN AND WIFE FOUND, SHOT

Geneva, Feb. 27. Two Swiss visitors, man and wife, were found shot dead in their hotel room here today while the police waited at the door to ask questions about an alleged unpaid bill.

They were 54-year-old Torsl Hoffmann, accountant of Stockholm, and Mrs Hoffmann, also aged 54.

A police inspector, who was waiting to enter their room when the shots rang out, said afterwards: "Hoffmann had asked me to wait while he dressed. I had called on the Lucerne police, who were investigating an unpaid bill of 2,000 Swiss francs." —Reuter.

SUN FO FLIES TO NANKING

Canton, Feb. 28.—Sun Fo, Premier of Nationalist China, left Canton for Nanking at 9:45 this morning by special plane.

He was accompanied by ten other members of the Cabinet, and it is reported they are returning to the capital to discuss with acting President Li Ta-ting the Communist peace proposals. —Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Hongkong Reform Club Tasks

The Hongkong Reform Club got away to a good start last week with 400 members of the public attending the first meeting. Future progress will be watched with the keenest interest. If through energetic example and leadership the Club can create a lively public consciousness of civic responsibilities and duty in Hongkong it will have achieved a great deal. Certainly the inaugural speeches produced a more definite programme and policy than outlined in the original memorandum and realisation of the aims and objects expounded by Mr Charles Losey will bring about a new era in the conducting of the Colony's public affairs. Much will depend on what extent the reform movement catches the attention of the Imperial Government and its Opposition. Constitutional reform in a Colony such as Hongkong is particularly influenced by the attitude adopted by those in authority at Home. The Reform Club committee must, therefore, not only obtain strong local public support for its agitations, but also the sympathetic ear of Members of Parliament. To this end the Club might well consider enlisting the services of a liaison officer in the House of Commons through whom the gospel of constitutional reform in Hongkong might be spread in the lobbies. The public's most crying need is direct, elected representation on the Legislative Council. Until this has been conceded by Whitehall, tackling of the many urgent social problems which confront Hongkong through the legislature will continue to be featured by procrastination and comparative indifference. It is accepted that Government has the general welfare of the Colony at heart, but its recognition of the relative

urgency of the community's needs is often open to dispute and criticism. Best judges would be the public's own representatives, for to them would be given the popular mandate. If the public cares to give the Reform Club the support it requests, it will not be very difficult to convince the local government of the sincerity of the movement. But that is not the biggest hurdle. Whitehall has to be equally convinced, and this can best be done through the medium of the House of Commons lobbies. A triple campaign is demanded if the Reform Club is to advance beyond the status of a debating society. It must obtain the confidence of the public; and the support of Government; and the support of British MPs. The sponsors of the Reform Club are not asking for more than what the taxpaying people of Hongkong are entitled, and which they have for so long been denied. This theme should be developed to its fullest through the Club's representatives in London. Government, on its part, has easy methods of testing the validity and honesty of the Reform Club movement by inviting its members to serve on advisory and investigating committees appointed from time to time to deal with various local problems. The Reform Club has to prove itself by deeds as well as words, and unless it is prepared to do so, it cannot expect to be officially accepted as a medium of public opinion and popular will. The Club has assigned to itself a difficult, and what at times will appear to be a disheartening task, but so long as it remains steadfast in its honesty of purpose and endeavour, it must eventually succeed in its objectives. And by the same token it will not be lacking sympathetic support.

COMPLICATED CASE

"Members of the jury, the case is somewhat complicated and I shall endeavour to be as brief as possible to give you sufficient details as far as I can to explain to you the system of the Public Works electrical department, and secondly the facts as they are known and will appear from the evidence of the actual stealing and falsifications." Meanwhile, the Navy radio declared they had been "brutal fighting" after troops opposed Navy men trying to do their duty to the nation.



To Revamp Army

Peiping Ban On Foreign Pressmen

Shanghai, Feb. 27.—The Communist Radio said today that foreign correspondents in Peiping would be no longer permitted to gather and transmit news. It was not certain whether the correspondents would be allowed to move elsewhere.

The broadcast did not mention earlier regulations banning the departure and entry of foreign nationals in Red territory. The Communist authorities in Peiping said that foreign nationals would not be allowed to publish newspapers or magazines in the city and the Reds asked the United States Information Service to stop distributing news there.

The broadcast did not use the USIS to cease its other activities. The radio said that all foreign news agencies and foreign correspondents in Peiping would be prohibited from carrying on their activities "because of the present state of war."

MAYOR'S ORDER

The order was signed by General Yeh Chien-ying, Communists' Mayor of Peiping whose troops took the city without struggle from the besieged Nationalist garrison. The broadcast listed 17 correspondents for foreign news agencies, newspapers and magazines known to be in Peiping.

The Communist broadcast heard in Nanking notified foreign correspondents that they are not being received "at present" in Red areas.

The United States Embassy in Nanking had no comment on the ban on USIS news. The last message from United Press correspondent Michael Keon in Peiping was sent on Saturday evening and received in Shanghai 12 hours later. It described the arrival in Peiping of an anti-Kuomintang group headed by Marshal Li Chai-sun.

An earlier broadcast announced that correspondents have been "arrested, gathered and interrogated" news media and broadcasting news. The order was issued by the Communist Military Affairs Commission. It did not say whether the ban was temporary or permanent. —United Press.

Wants Foreign Aid Cut

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Republican Senator Homer Capehart today announced that he would lead the Senate fight to cut foreign aid spending in half.

He said in a broadcast that he would offer an amendment to trim perhaps US\$3,000,000,000 from the \$6,500,000,000 bill to keep the European recovery programme going until June 30, 1950.

He asserted that recent administration reports showed that production in Western European countries "had reached prewar levels." —United Press.

Soldiers And Sailors Fight In Streets Of Bangkok

Bangkok, Feb. 27.—Soldiers fought sailors in the streets of Bangkok today after unidentified plotters had seized the Government Radio Station and claimed that the Siamese Premier, Marshal Pibul Songkram, and his Cabinet had resigned.

The Radio went off the air during this announcement last night. When it resumed broadcasting, it said Marshal Songkram was still Premier and the interruption was not authorised.

A dawn battle between Army-controlled armoured vehicles and Navy-manned anti-tank guns was fought near the Premier's residence, close to the British Embassy. One witness said that he later saw bodies being loaded into trucks.

Radio and air communications officers arrested by the Siamese police on October 4 last, on Marshal Songkram's "successor" was named by the rebels. Nai Direk Jayanam, former Siamese Ambassador in London and a member of the wartime "Free Thai" (Siam) underground.

Conflicting bulletins were broadcast to the city's 600,000 inhabitants by the Army-controlled and Navy-controlled radio stations. The Premier's Army regime claimed to have quelled a revolt of "dissident elements." Meanwhile, the Navy radio declared they had been "brutal fighting" after troops opposed Navy men trying to do their duty to the nation.

It was organised largely by members of the "Free Thai" Movement, whose object was to bring back to power the former Premier, Phibul Songkram. They occupied the Defence Ministry without opposition but were trapped there and surrendered without a fight.

Nai Direk Jayanam was Minister of Justice in the Nai Tharwi Bonyak Cabinet in September 1945, and was appointed Foreign Minister in Pridi Panomyong Government in April 1946.

He went to London as Ambassador after resigning his Ministerial post in 1947. His resignation last March was said to have "surprised" the Siamese Premier, who said the Siamese Government wished him to remain in London. —Reuter.

In the dawn battle, direct hits were scored on some armoured vehicles and guns. By noon the opposing units had ceased fighting.

When Reuter's correspondent visited the area later, he saw streets strewn with cartridge cases, shattered branches of trees and other signs of battle.

The fighting flared up less than 48 hours after Marshal Songkram had announced that prompt action had "totally smashed" a plot to overthrow his Government.

On Thursday a state of emergency had been proclaimed. Twenty-four suspects—three retired Army officers and 21 Chinese described as Communists—were arrested. In raids on Thursday and Friday, an authoritative source in Bangkok stated.

A former Defence Minister, Lieutenant General Luang Chir Vichit Songkram, was among the arrested officers.

OCT. 4 UPRISE

Marshal Songkram—who gained power after a military coup in November, 1947—said on Friday that the plot has been much exaggerated. The Government was "supremely confident" of maintaining order and safe-guarding the country from the "machinations of disruptive forces."

Nai Direk Jayanam was among 70 politicians and Army

Acting President Li Tsung-jen (left) is reported to have launched a military reorganisation in Nationalist China. Two of his friends, General Pai Chung-hsi (centre) and General Ho Ying-ching (right) are slated to handle the army revamping which, it is believed, may offer President Li additional bargaining power in the peace talks with the Communists. —AP Picture.

BIG BURMA BATTLE IN MAKING

Rangoon, Feb. 27.—A big battle was developing in central Burma today. Government troops have opened a counter-offensive to recapture the North Burma army headquarters at Meiktila and the railway junction at Thazi, 13 miles further east. It was officially stated.

Troops near the Shan states swept into the central plains to aid the counter-offensive. Meiktila and Thazi were occupied by the rebel Karen last Sunday.

The military communiqué today reported widespread Karen attacks on Government-held positions in Henbagy, a district 90 miles northwest of Rangoon. The communiqué claimed that these attacks were beaten off with heavy losses inflicted on the Karen.

It also claimed that a pitched battle had broken out between the Karen and Communists in the Pegu district where the two factions are quarrelling between themselves.

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MPs Dissatisfied With Answers To Questions About Radio Hongkong

London, Feb. 27.—Enterprising MPs, notably Captain L. D. Gammans and Mr. Walter Fletcher, both Conservatives, have been bringing pressure to bear upon the Colonial Office to give greater attention to Hongkong Radio, more especially in view of present events in China. The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Creech Jones, has been repeatedly urged to improve the coverage of the Hongkong Radio, and, in the interests of efficiency, to remove it from its present control by the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Gammans was not satisfied with the reply and he asked the Colonial Secretary to state definitely if the Government intended to set up a broadcasting station in Hongkong that could be heard throughout South China as well; or were the Government going to neglect this opportunity of getting in touch with a large number of Chinese people.

The Colonial Secretary made a vague reference to the broadcasting station in Malaya, whereupon both Mr. Gammans and Mr. Fletcher wanted to know if he meant that the

Malayan broadcasting station will be heard in South China.

The Colonial Secretary said that what he was saying was that the whole broadcasting policy in that part of the world is now under close examination by the Government.

The Colonial Secretary was then asked why Hongkong Radio continues to be under the control of the Postmaster-General instead of setting up a special radio department in Malaya.

He replied that he was consulting the Governor of Hongkong.

This reply did not satisfy Mr. Gammans, who then asked if the Colonial Secretary was aware that there is great dissatisfaction in Hongkong about this arrangement, for people do not see why they cannot have the same sort of set-up as in Malaya.

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Our Own Correspondent.

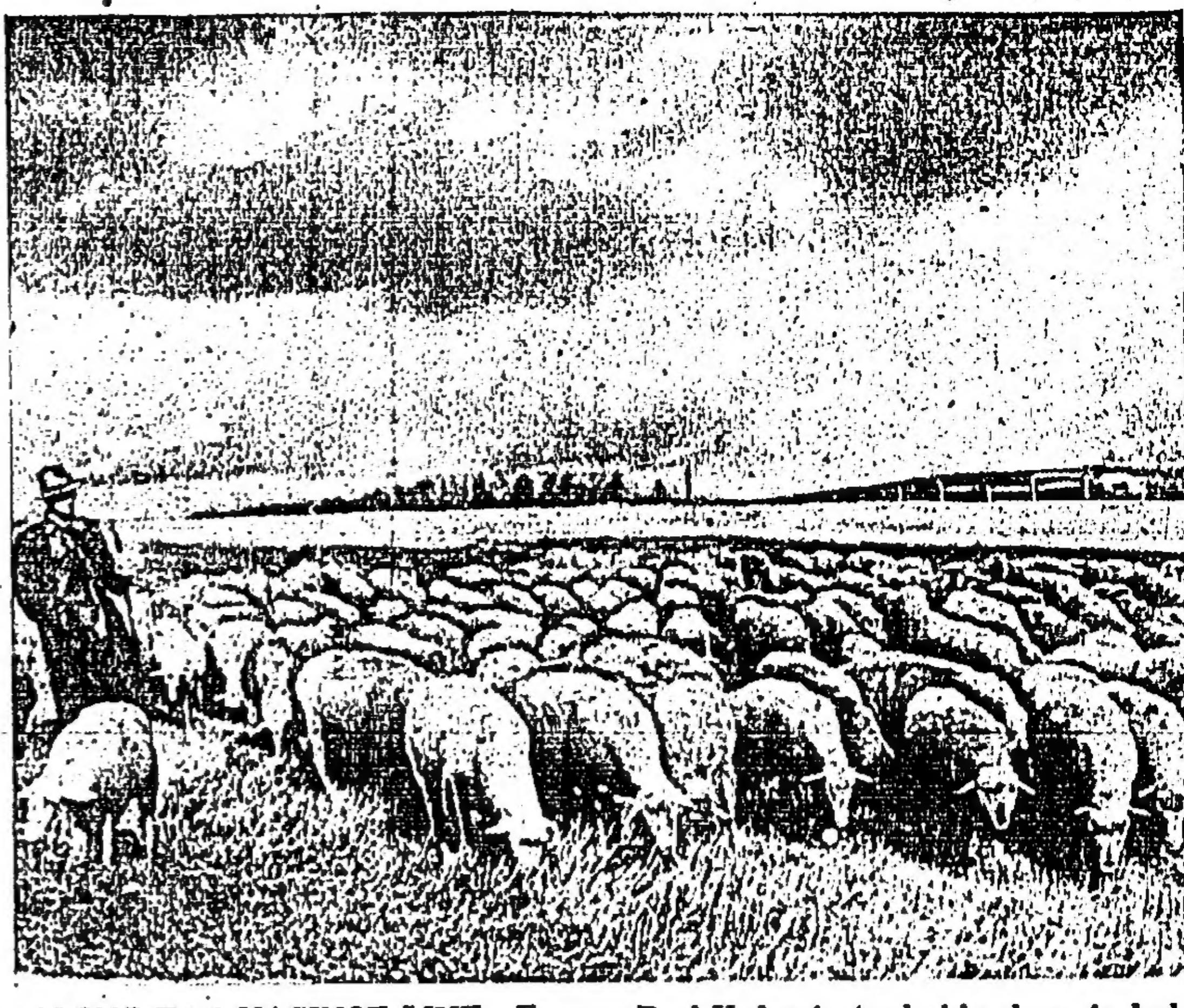
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TAKE YOUR PICK—An Israeli citizen scans a poster board in Tel-Aviv in an attempt to decide the relative merits of the 21 political parties in the recent elections. Special poster boards were erected all over Israel to give information of the parties' programmes.



AN INFORMAL CHAT—In the red robes symbolic of their membership of the College of Cardinals, Roman Catholic priests Clement Cardinal Micara of Rome, left, and Francis Cardinal Spellman chat after mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Cardinal Micara will attend the Eucharistic Congress in Cali, Colombia.



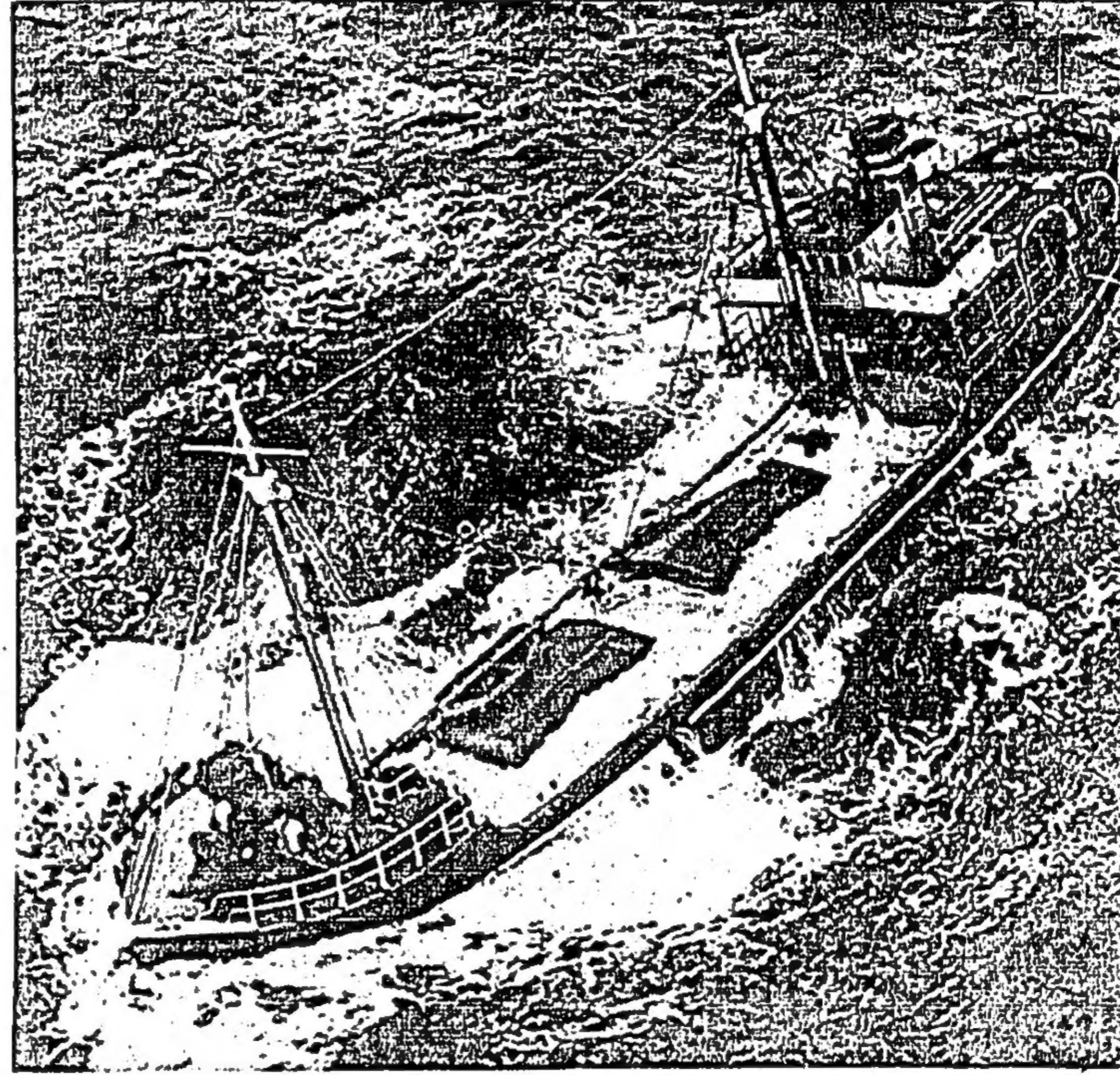
ALONG THE MAGINOT LINE—Farmer Paul Kodernia tends his sheep in lush pastures before a pillbox of the Maginot Line near Boulay, France. To solve the postwar housing problem, many farmers have moved into the bunkers, which probably cost the government about US\$100,000 each to build.



SATURDAY NIGHT—Saturday night is the same in the life of all youngsters. Maureen Radigan, 16-month-old child of Elizabeth Scott, in fetching decollete, smiles provocatively while resting between scenes.



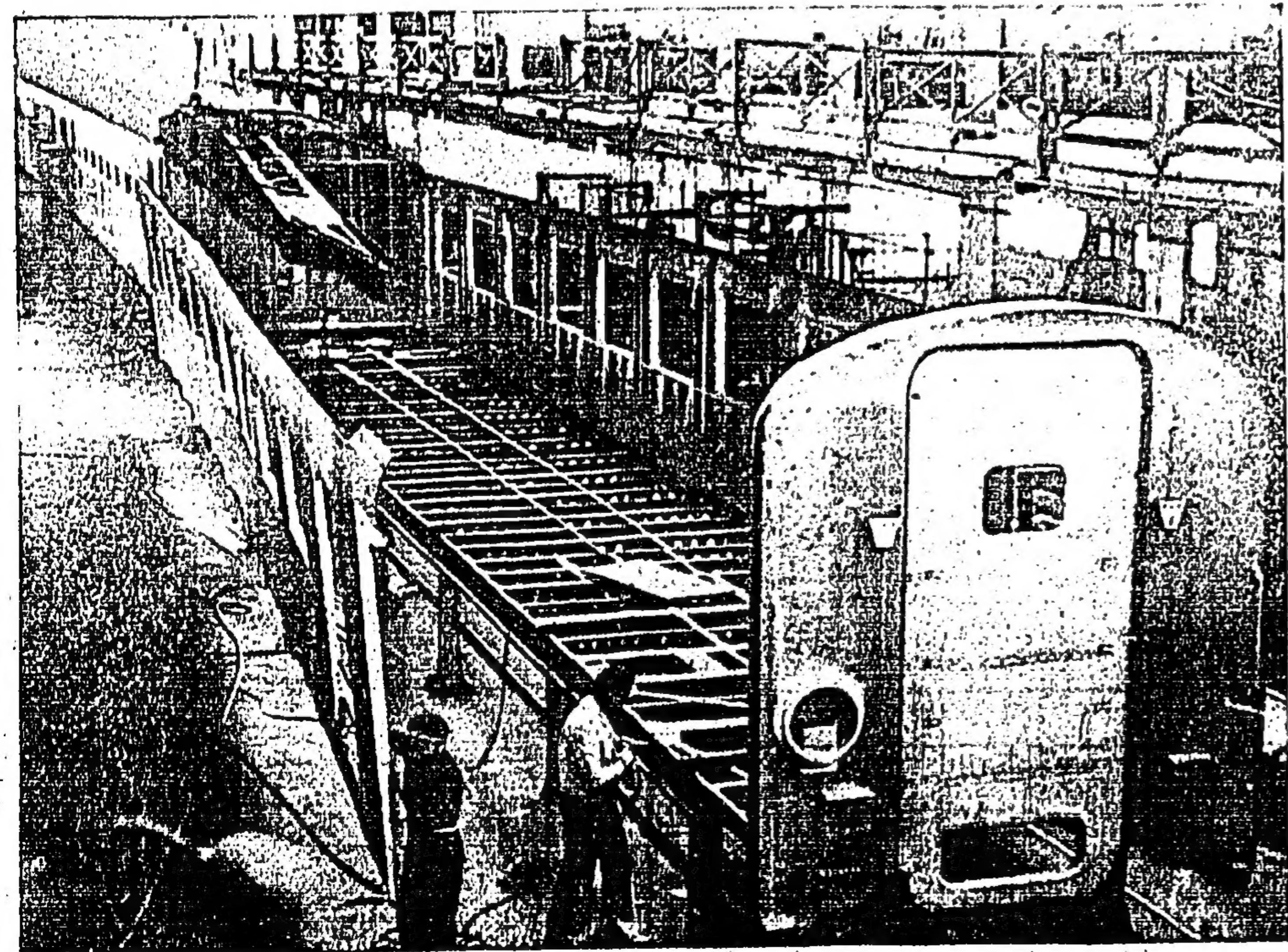
STAR AT REST—Hollywood actress Elizabeth Scott, in fetching decollete, smiles provocatively while resting between scenes.



FLOUNDERING IN THE SEA—Wind-whipped seas wash over the deck of the 399-ton Spanish ship, Andarina, off the Yorkshire coast. The vessel broke up and sank near Dowsing lightship. The crew and a 50-year-old mother of two were rescued by the trawler Simerson.



TRAVELLING IN STYLE—Conga is strictly a first-class traveller as he arrives in New York in the liner Queen Mary, nestled in the travelling bag of his mistress, Mrs. Elsie Caulcutt.



LIGHTWEIGHT TRAIN—Workers assemble a new stainless steel train in Bordeaux, France. The carriages are made of a light and strong type of steel called Duralinox and will run on rubber tyres at a speed of 75 miles an hour. They will be used on the Paris to Strasbourg line.



DROPPED FROM THE SKY—Children of Port Washington, Long Island, look over the remains of a private plane which collided with a Constellation over the town. The pilot and passenger of the lighter craft were killed, but the transport landed its 23 passengers safely, although part of the small plane was still stuck in its side.

JOAN BLONDELL,
glamorous star says,
"Pink lipstick's the Hollywood
craze and 'Pink Queen' is
the perfect pink."

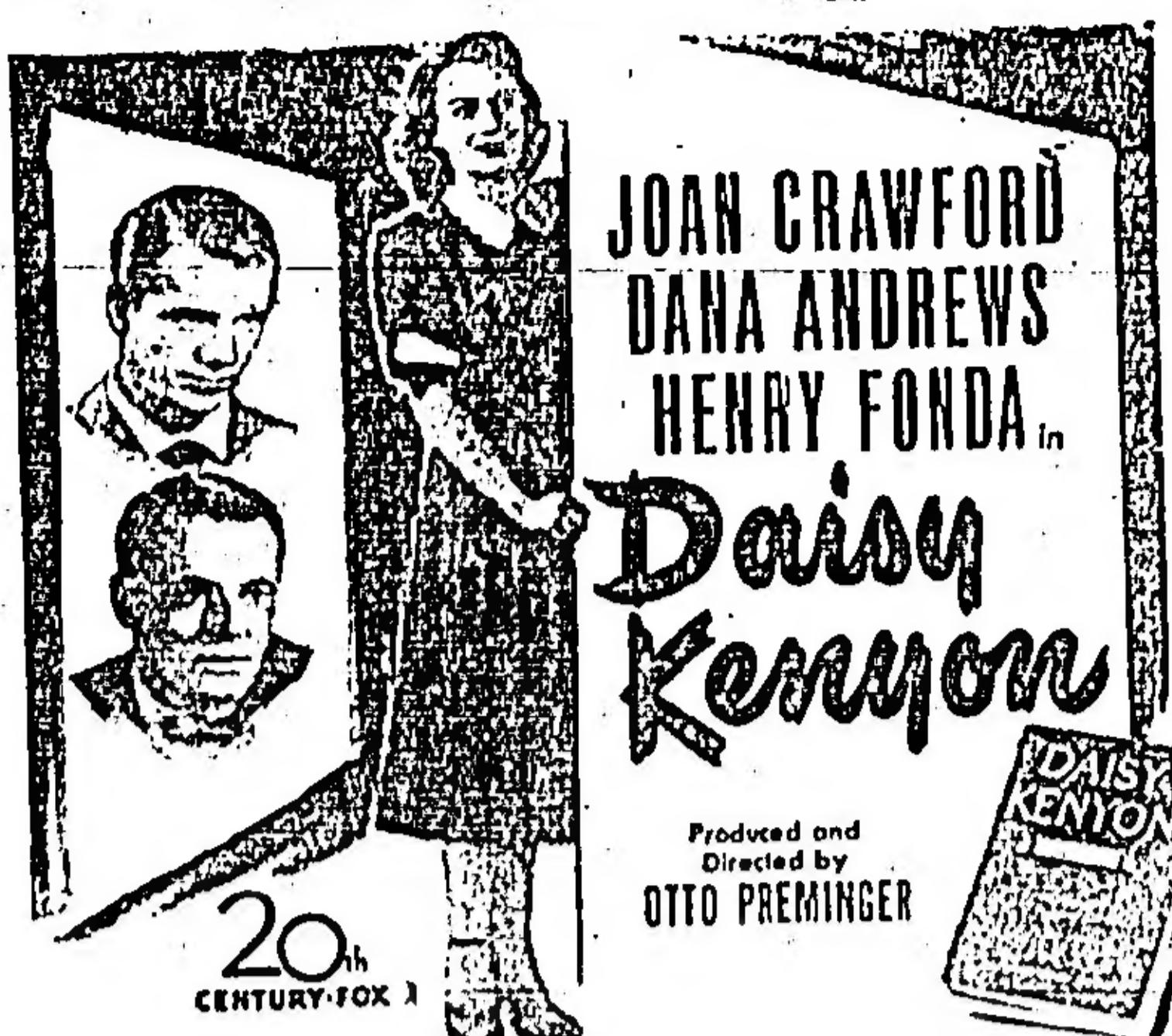
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yourself to the perfect pink
lipstick shade today.

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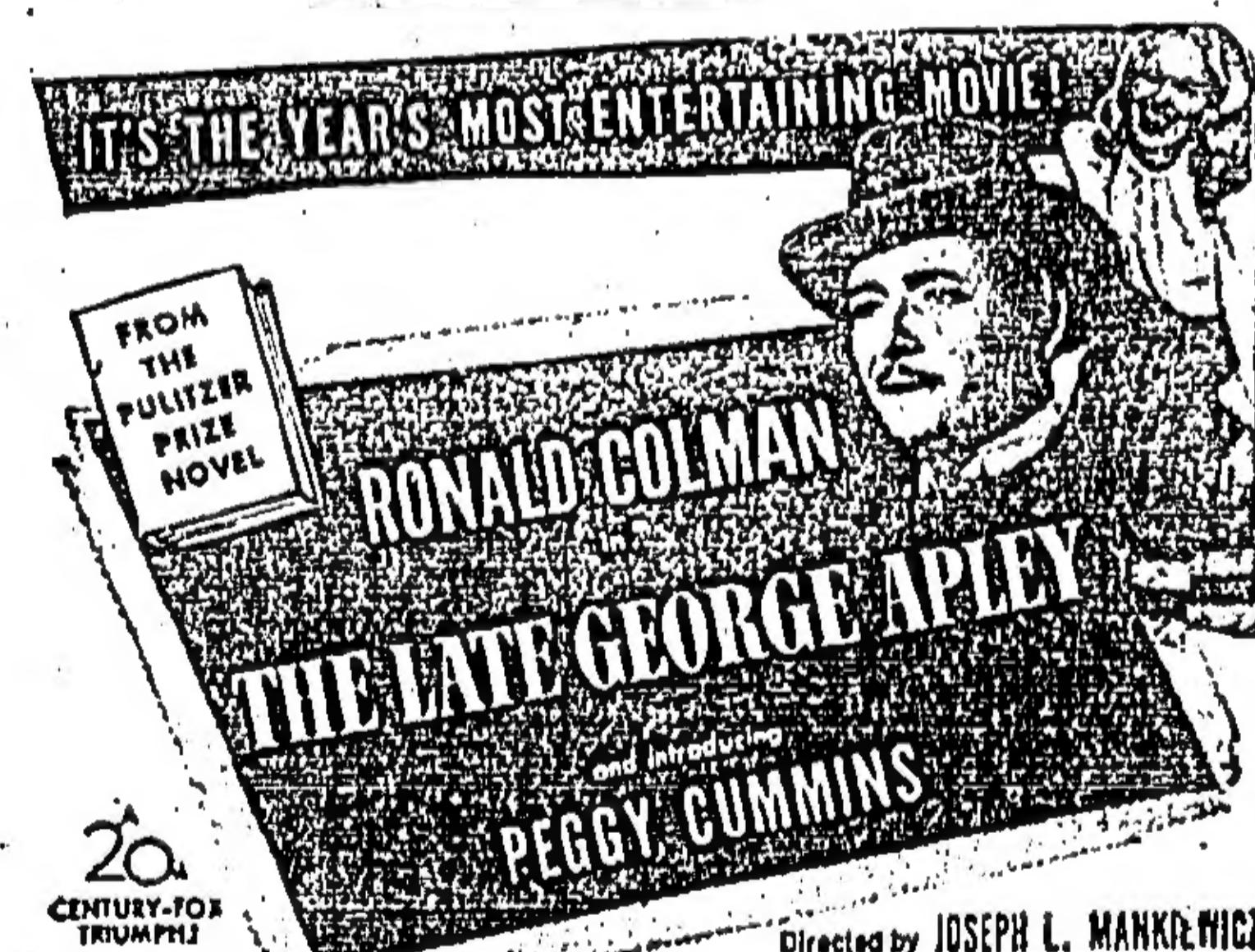
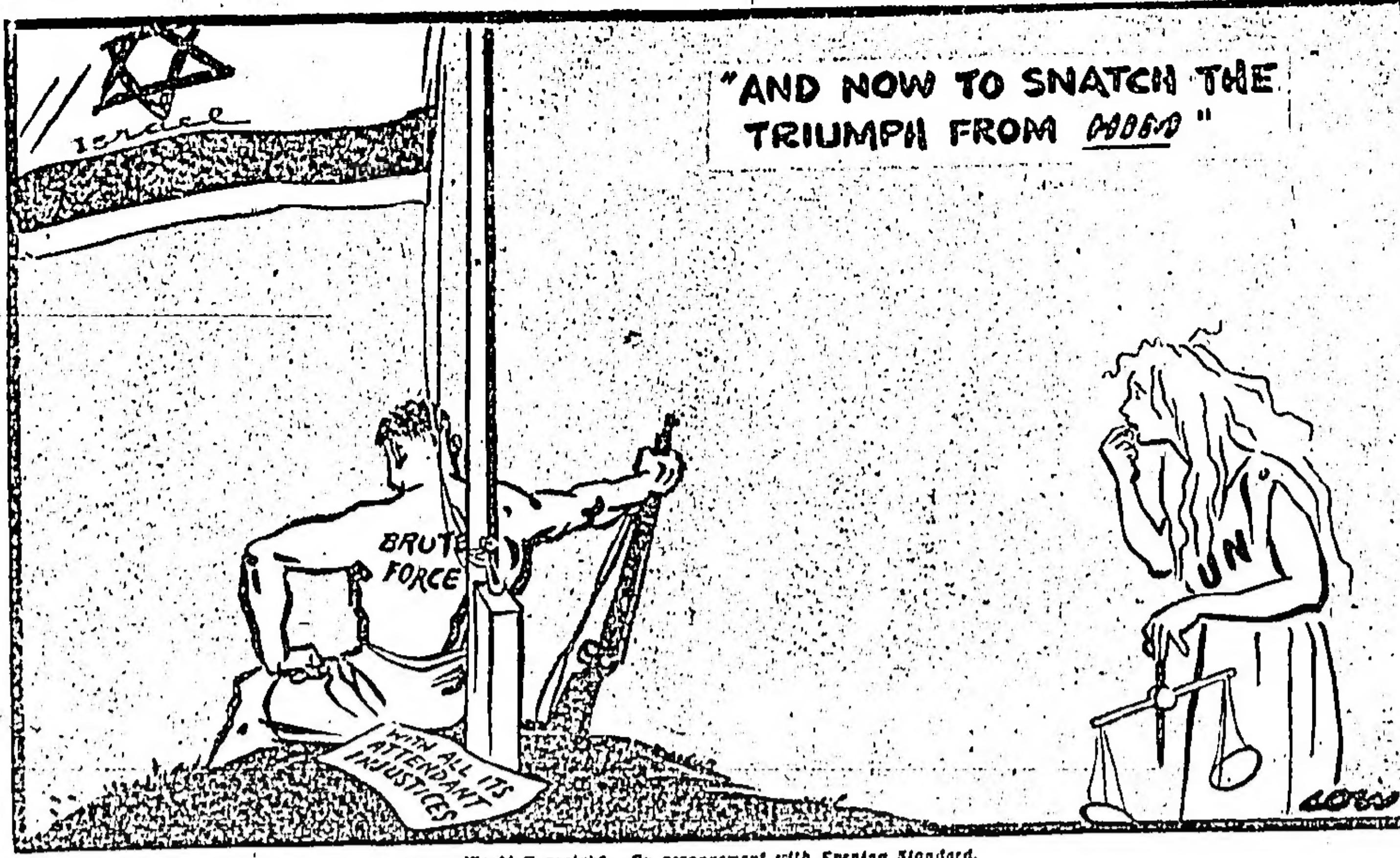
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BIG MONEY IN THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

By GROUP CAPTAIN
H.S.L. DUNDAS,
DSO., DFC.

NEARLY £1,500,000 has been earned in six months by civil aeroplanes on charter in the Berlin airlift.

I believe that charter companies, operating between 30 and 40 aircraft, shared a gross revenue of about £483,000 in January. From this I calculate that they earned a net profit of not less than £70,000.

This month the net profit will go up to £94,000, or about £3,360 a day. That is on the basis of each aircraft doing two trips a day, which is the minimum average for the fleet as a whole.

Eleven private companies and nationalised British South American Airways are operating alongside the RAF. The civil fleet is growing. A month ago there were 31 planes at work. Now there are 44. Soon there will be 48.

These aircraft are carrying about 40 percent of the British load, though they represent only 25 percent of the British air fleet. All the liquid fuel—petrol, diesel oil, and kerosene—used in the three Western sectors is flown in by British civilian operators. This is the most dangerous job on the list.

ROUND TRIP PROFIT £40

I can disclose the rates at which these aircraft are chartered to the Government. In the case of Halton (converted Halifax bombers) they are paid by the Treasury at £85 per flying hour. The direct operating cost for these aircraft is £70 an hour.

A trip to Berlin and out again takes about two and a half hours flying time, which means that a Halton earns a profit of between £35 and £40 on each round trip.

Often one plane does three or more trips a day.

In early January, by flying six trips in 24 hours, a single Halton of Westminster Airways netted £220 for the company in one day.

Sir Alan Cobham's firm, Flight Refuelling, Ltd., flew 419 hours on the list in

December, using four Lancastrians. This effort must have given them a profit of more than £6,000.

FLEW MORE THAN RAF

Thirty-five-year-old Wing Commander Barry Aikman, who runs Aquila Airways, operated Hlythe flying-boats from September, until ice on Berlin's Lake Havel caused them to be withdrawn in December.

Using two boats, supplemented for the last month by a third, Aikman's company carried 5½ tons of freight on each trip, flew more than 400 hours.

Plane for plane, they flew more than the RAF although using the same kind of boat, and they carried a heavier load. Also their flying crew numbered three against the RAF's seven.

In three and half months this £20,000 company made enough profit to buy nine Hythes from B.O.A.C.

The company was started last summer by four young men who each put in £5,000.

Working from a London office of one room, with one secretary, they now run the biggest privately owned fleet of flying-boats in the world.

Air Vice-Marshal Bennett, sacked chief executives of B.S.A.A.C., is operating with two Avro Tudors, the aircraft which B.O.A.C.

Often he will do more flying.

So far he has been the only pilot in the company fully qualified for all flying conditions.

THREE FLIGHTS IN 24 HOURS

In four months he has done over 800 hours' airlift flying at a charter rate of £150 an hour.

The London end of this business is a one-woman affair, the one woman being Mrs Bennett.

When Bennett asked his old

stubs lying in their stores, he was told they were not for sale. He asked Airwork, Ltd., to approach the corporation as buyers, and the stubs were released to them immediately.

Latest addition to the airlift is General Critchley's firm Skyways, who now have three Avro Yorks carrying freight and two Lancastrians flying fuel.

Believed to be the most successful money-spinners in civil aviation, Skyways at first refused to come in, the charter terms being unacceptable. But a new basis of payment was agreed on and Skyways joined the lift.

Training his crews as he goes along, Bennett has done most of the flying himself. Nearly always he does three flights in each 24 hours, taking more than 27 tons of fuel into Berlin.

He flies with a crew of three, including himself—one fewer than B.S.A.A.C. use with the same aircraft. He carries 9.1 tons on each trip; the corporation carries 8.7.

One cannot assess Bennett's operating costs exactly, for the terms on which he obtained the aircraft are not known.

It is said that one was virtually a gift from A. V. Roe's to the man who believed in it. Tudors. The other, it is stated, was supplied on the hire-purchase system.

Total bill involved was about £120,000. The Ministry of Supply offered Tudor freighters to B.O.A.C. for £100,000 apiece.

NET PROFIT IS NEAR £16,000

Although the RAF is doing a good job on the lift, it returns show that aircraft for aircraft, the civil operators do better.

The Skyways' Yorks are carrying 20,500 lb. payload; the RAF Yorks were taking only 16,500 lb., though they have stepped this up to 18,000 lb. by stripping out galley and lavatories.

And, whatever the weather, their £3,000 is guaranteed.

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The RAF are also using the new Handley Page Hastings. Yet these carry only 15,000 lb.—less than the obsolescent Lancastrians.

TREASURY AND THE EXPENSES

RAF aircrafts have been awarded decorations for flying 75 of these missions; many of the civilian pilots have done well over 100.

I flew out of Berlin with one civilian captain who was doing his 32nd trip in 13 days.

The Treasury is worried about the expense of the civil airlift, and a meeting was held recently in which the terms were reviewed.

But though the charter companies are making a good profit, they are certainly giving value for money.

And all the aircraft they are using are of a kind which have either been turned down, or operated at a loss, by the nationalised corporations.

By Ernle Bushmiller

NANCY Putting Some Feeling Into It



William Hickey

Money Talks? . . . Well, Yelps—Rather!

LONDON. HOW are things in the West End, that sensitive barometer of the condition of things everywhere?

Bookings for rooms in the luxury hotels continue to be most satisfactory. It is easy to get a room at the week-end, but not during the Monday-Friday period.

Visitors to London who keep up the real prosperity of the big hotels are mostly from the Continent. There are more French, Belgian, German, and Danish visitors than there were before the war.

But in the bars receipts are down quite heavily. Hotel bars which were taking £120 a day 12 months ago are now under the £100 mark, some as low as £75. Grill rooms and restaurants also show a decline.

IT IS the West End facet of a world in which money talks—now with more of a yelp in its voice than ever, . . . and sometimes almost giving you a twist of the arm. For example:

The amount of money worrying Mrs JANET JOHNSON, West End restaurant, was £75 Swiss francs.

She lost a diamond watch while on holiday in Zurich, and, on the day she was leaving for London, found that it had been returned to the manager lost property office.

Mrs Johnson, who speaks impeccable French, asked for it back—and was then told there was 75 francs reward to pay.

Her allowance was spent up.

She tried the British consul, where she got friendliness but no cash.

Finally, she went back to the lost property office and told her dilemma:

"That's all right," said the attendant, with a pitying smile. "You can have it back for nothing. We didn't realise you were English."

CROSSING the Channel from the Continent was also a visitor from Italy, to whom the lure of money has come in infancy. He is a pale, thin, 11-year-old lad who looks like a Latin Oliver Twist—PIERINO GAMMA, an infant prodigy with baton.

He has grown longer but no wider since he was last here. And one look at his face rubs home the fact that conducting is a job for a man with black hair looks limper than ever.

Black ravines under the eyes are sad to see—at 11. And he doesn't smile so much.

A player who alights on it goes back to No. 8, where Mr Churchill alongside a barrel of gunpowder with a "warrunner" in his hand.

Other hazards: the BBC and America's European broadcasts.

If you land them back you go to Goebbel shouting through a microphone from his coffin, and an American movie theatre showing "The Corpse in a Sky-scraper."

But if you weather all these dangers and finally reach 100 everything is lovely—a jet-projected aircraft is waiting ready to whisk you back to safety and friends in the Soviet Union.

OVER the air waves comes a new voice—and a new name (yes, an American again). On those occasions—Housewives' Chorus, Family Favourites and Record Round-up—when the BBC lets us choose our own entertainment, Miss NELLIE LUTCHER has lately appeared to break up the usual routine of GROSBY, SINATRA, PHIL HARRIS, and DANNY KAYE.

In this country Miss Lutcher—33-year-old coloured singer who looks and sounds very much like her own favourite vocalist, Ella Fitzgerald (they are both tall and buxom)—has achieved a startling success without the aid of film.

Despite this handicap she was the cause of a black market in gramophone records. Swing enthusiasts here listened to her voice coming over regularly from Munich in the American Forces Network. They burrowed to the shops in search of Lutcher recordings—but until last month they were unobtainable in England. And these odd copies brought into the country changed hands at 25s. a time.

Her style is little different from the other American Negro singers of the casual "couldn't-care-less" school. The something new is in her own piano accompaniment and the extra bounce she puts into her soft, high-pitched monotone.

THAT other literary blob on our landscape, the critic MR. CYRIL CONNOLLY, also dis-

"In squalor and poverty."



GOVT. DELAY ON NEW PIER LEASES "DEPLORABLE"

Star Ferry Co's Annual Meeting

Government's delay in not giving their answers on the terms of the Company's new pier leases was deplored by Mr H. Owen Hughes when he seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts at the 47th annual general meeting of the Star Ferry Company Limited held this morning in the board room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The Chairman, the Hon D.F. Landale, said that the position with regard to the issue of new leases for their piers was substantially unaltered since he addressed the meeting last year.

The Chairman also disclosed that 28,175,000 passengers were carried in their ferries during the year under review and the net profit of the Company for the year was \$1,600,116.80.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Landale said:

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I wish to record our very deep regret at the untimely death of the Company's Superintendent, Mr Malcolm Hardie, which occurred on October 4, last year. I am sure shareholders will wish to associate themselves with this expression of regret at the loss of a very heavy servant, and to express their sympathy with Mrs Hardie and family.

The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take this as read.

You will note from the Report that 28,175,000 passengers were carried in our ferries during the year 1948; this is an increase of over 2,000,000 on the number carried in 1947, and represents in total nearly three times the pre-war figure.

The introduction of the rebuilt "Golden Star" in January brought our fleet up to one short of the pre-war figure, but we were able to introduce and maintain throughout the year our pre-war service. In fact on many occasions of particularly heavy traffic, the five minute service was extended considerably beyond the hours of the pre-war schedule.

Our fleet has been taxed to the utmost in maintaining this service, and I consider the successful accomplishment of over 100,000 harbour crossings reflects great credit on the coxswains and crews of our launches.

DELIVERY DELAYS

The hope which I expressed last year that the rehabilitation of our "Electric Star" would be completed by the end of the year did not materialise; delays, not unexpected in these days, have occurred in delivery of the machinery from home, and the earliest date on which we can hope to have this vessel in service is now June of this year.

New engines for the further additional vessel to which I referred last year will, we hope, also be shipped within the next few months, but completion of plans for this vessel, which will be of new construction, are naturally contingent on plans for reconstruction of the ferry piers.

These piers, designed and built in the days when the average passenger traffic was 20,000 per day, are hopelessly inadequate for the present traffic, which now averages nearly 80,000 per day, and no-one realises this more than your directors.

The position with regard to the issue of new leases for our piers is substantially unaltered since I spoke to you last year. As I then told you, in July 1947 we were informed by government that new leases would be issued, but that the terms and conditions thereof could not be decided until Sir Patrick Abercrombie's recommendations on Town

NET PROFIT

The net profit for the year was \$1,600,116.80, which after adding the unappropriated profits

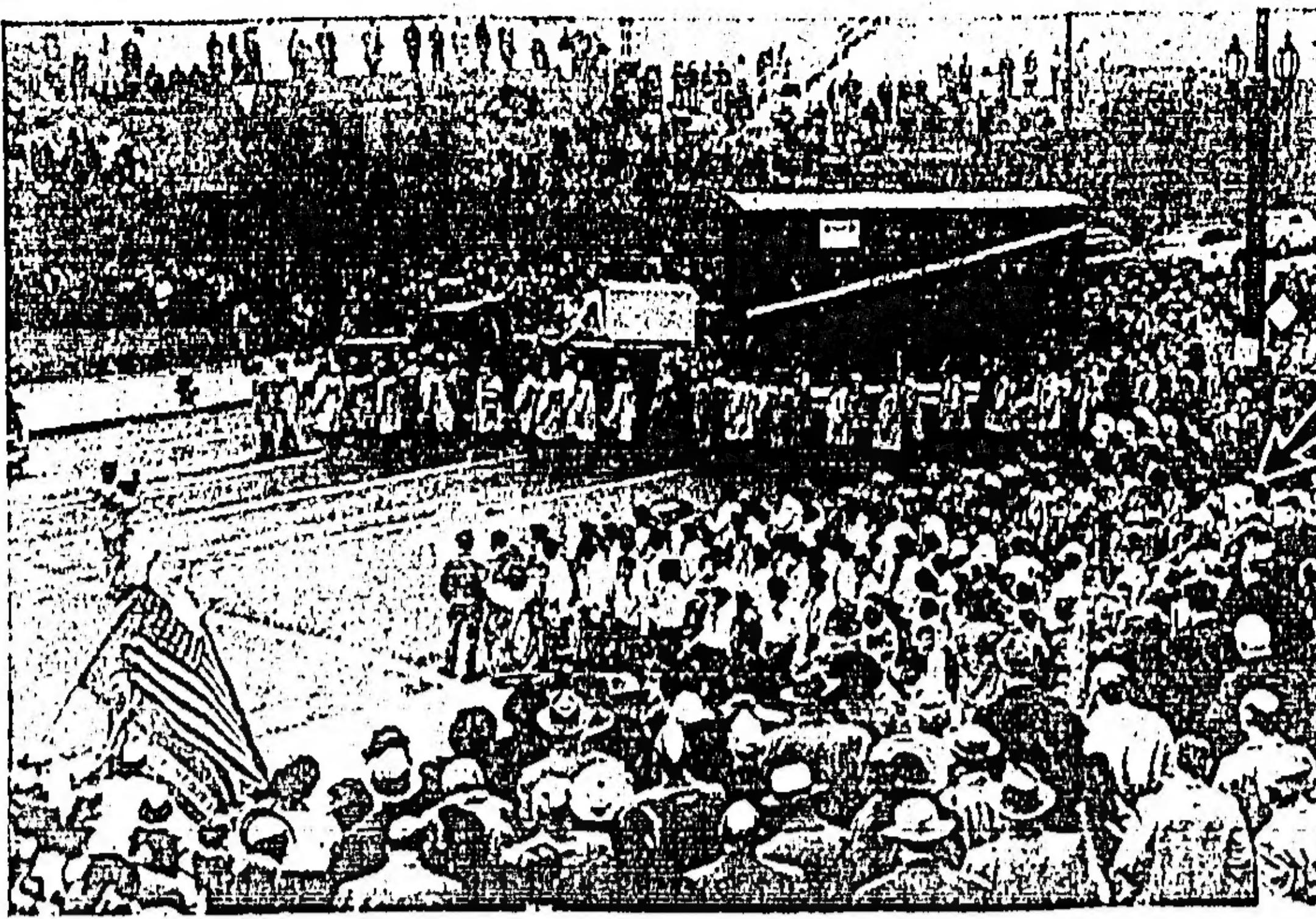
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It's lucky you're sick, Dorothy! I know I got a low score in the exams today—just think what you'd have got!"

California Says 'Merci' For Gifts



MAY & KWOK KWONG STAND TRIAL

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the system, Mr Hooton said that if there was a Government job to be done, a request would come to the head office of the PWD and Mr Brown would then ask

May, the electrical inspector at Kowloon, to submit an estimate for the work. May would then ask Kwok or one of the chargehands to prepare an estimate of the price of the job, together with the various requirements in the way of materials and labour, so that it would be known exactly what items would be required for a particular job.

It is obvious, however, that no responsive board of directors can commit their shareholders to expenditure, which must necessarily be heavy, on building new piers so long as the future operation of the company remains shrouded in uncertainty. In fact it is impossible even to estimate our designs for new piers until government divulges the information for which we have asked.

The continued delay in this matter is most regrettable, and little can be done to improve travel facilities on our service until a decision on this vital question is obtained.

Turning to the accounts, you will note that the balance from Working Account shows a substantial increase over the year 1947; this of course is directly attributable to the increased traffic. It is axiomatic that in any organisation supply goods or services to the public at reasonable rates the financial return must increase in ratio to the turnover and number of customers.

Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr H. Owen Hughes said:

I am sure we have all listened with great interest to our chairman's remarks.

Far-paying passengers will travel at the rates introduced in 1946, i.e., 20 cents per trip for 1st Class passengers and 10 cents for 3rd Class, while our monthly ticket holders will travel at the pre-war rate for single tickets. I repeat my objection to last year, that this compares favourably with the cost of similar travel anywhere else in the World, and the fact that these rates must be considered reasonable is further evidenced by the following facts:

The cost of maintaining our present service—which is similar to that obtaining pre-war, is seven times what it was then. Our total gross revenue is only five times pre-war, although the number of passengers carried is three times the 1941 figure. The position is such that if conditions were to return to normal and traffic to drop to any marked extent we should be unable to operate on the existing fares. The good results in operating today are therefore entirely due to the abnormal traffic handled, and certainly cannot be attributed to unwaranted increases in fares.

Regarding the Accounts, there is little I can usefully add to what has already been said. Shareholders will be gratified at the satisfactory results of the year's working and will I am sure, approve the strong position of our reconstruction.

Our chairman has very justly paid tribute to our coxswains and crews. I would like to add a word of praise to the inspectors and staff on our piers. There is a thankless task and I think the tact and patience with which they control the vast crowds of travellers is very commendable.

I would like also to add a word of thanks to the management for their efficient work behind the scenes.

With these remarks I have pleasure in seconding the Report & Accounts as presented and the Appropriations incorporated therein be adopted.

RE-ELECTIONS

The appointment of Mr Horace Kadourie to the Directorate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Lawrence Kadourie, was confirmed.

On the proposal of Major C. W. L. Way, seconded by Mr W. Hyde, Mr T. B. Wilson was re-elected a director while Mr H. D. Benham was re-elected a director at the proposal of Mr J. Moodie, seconded by Mr R. H. Jones.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,750 per annum on the proposal of Mr E. Grant Smith, seconded by Mr A. R. Ellis.

Present at the meeting were the Hon D. F. Landale (chairman), Messrs H. D. Benham, N. O. C. Marsh, Horace Kadourie and T. B. Wilson (directors), Mr C. E. Terry (manager), Mr G. E. S. Thomson (secretary) and the following shareholders: Major C. W. L. Way, Messrs E. Grant Smith, J. Moodie, W. Hyde, H. Owen Hughes, D. L. Prophet, Leung Fat-tin, A. N. Mackenzie, C. N. Kong, R. H. Jones, A. R. Ellis and E. S. Abraham.

PROGRESS CHART

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The case for the Prosecution, said Counsel, was that it was Kwok who took the workmen there on July 23, that he instructed the men to work, that he issued the materials, that he went with them, that he told them what to do, and that the workmen worked there continuously from that date until August 11 when the job was still unfinished and when the Police stepped in.

Mr Hooton's opening address to the Jury is still continuing.

TO-DAY ONLY Queen's

At 2.30, 5.15,
7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

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William Powell
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KEENAN WYNN
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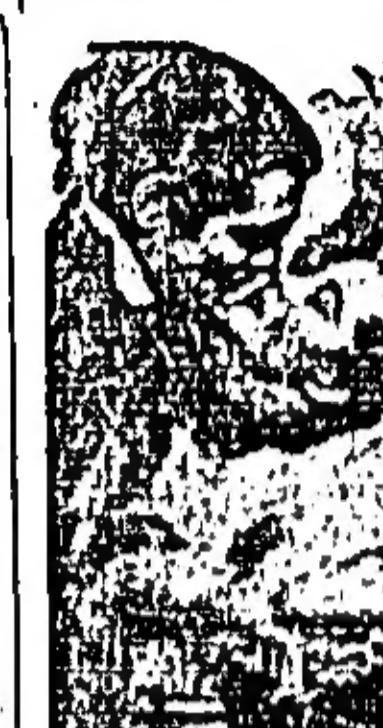
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Part II at 5.00 & 9.30



Serious Riots In Calcutta

8 PEOPLE KILLED

Gov. Earl Warren (arrow) stands amid a big crowd at the City Hall in Los Angeles, and thanks France for her "Merci" gifts to Southern California. The gifts are in the "10 and 8" freight car in the background and are an expression of gratitude by the French people for the American Friendship Train last year.—AP Picture.

Bombay, Feb. 27.—Dis-

patches from Calcutta to-day said at least eight persons were killed and several more wounded and missing when two rival political groups clashed in a battle of sticks and stones in front of the Socialist Party offices.

Latest dispatches said the police had recovered the bodies of three British officials of the PWD who were killed in the workshop on August 11, 1948 when an anti-Corrupt Branch of the Police, acting on information, made a raid on that workshop and at the end of the day, after having made a number of inquiries, Kwok was placed under arrest, said Counsel. May was not arrested until two days afterwards, he added.

LARCENY COUNTS

Dealing with the first and fourth counts — larceny of 1,000 yards and 400 yards electrical cable respectively — which was taken from the workshop to certain houses at Pekfulam, the contention of the Prosecution, said Mr Hooton, was that the re-wiring of the various houses required by Government workmen from Hung Hom, being detailed for that day, after having made a number of inquiries, Kwok was placed under arrest until two days afterwards, he added.

Reports said five others were killed and several wounded in Saturday's attacks by gunmen on the airport and factories at Calcutta and Basirhat.

The police reported that the bodies found to-day in a furnace were identified as Fred G. Turnbull, Arthur Dwyer and Frederick Brennan.

50 ARRESTED

The West Bengal police have arrested 50 persons in a round-up of suspects since yesterday's raid at Dum-Dum. During the course of arrests, the police recovered rifles and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The police said they also seized a truck, a motorcycle, four taxis, a jeep and two private automobiles, which were believed to have belonged to the raiders.

Twelve men were reported held in Mindat, 40 miles from Calcutta, in connection with Saturday's raids. The West Bengal Government invoked Section 144 of the Criminoal Procedure Code, which forbids gatherings of over five persons.

Police patrols were posted in front of important communication centres and Government offices, according to reports reaching here.—United Press.

Two Hurt In

Plane Crash

Saltisbury, S. Rhodesia, Feb.

27.—Two Swedish airmen were injured when their amphibious aircraft crashed after taking off here today. The airmen, Gustavsson and Captain Jure Wager, were taken to hospital. Their condition is not serious.

The plane, which was a private one, had been detailed for a flight from Hung Hom to the airport. Dr Thomas, who was a personal friend of Dr Hooton, visited the doctor's office to see about another matter and was asked if he (May) could recommend a reliable contractor to get the job of re-wiring the houses done. According to Dr Thomas, May said he would so recommend.

They made an appointment later on and together Dr Thomas and May visited the two houses at Pekfulam, accompanied by a Chinese, Counsel said. Dr Thomas could not say who the Chinese was, but Mrs Thomas would say it was Kwok and in the submission of the Prosecution, the man was Kwok who accompanied Dr Thomas and May to Pekfulam that day. There, May and Kwok made a survey of the houses to see what was required.

NO ESTIMATE GIVEN

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Two Hurt In

Karachi, Feb. 27.—A Japanese trade delegation, accompanied by an official of General MacArthur's Headquarters, arrived here today in search of raw materials to discuss trade in cotton and silk.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

4. Programme, Summary, 6.01

6.30, "Regionale," Net 1 (15 min.)

7.00, Dance Music (Studio)

7.30, "Piano Suite" (Studio)

8.00, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "The Adventures of Chetham" (Studio); 8.30, "The Editors" (Studio); 9.00, "The Melancholy String" (Studio); 9.30, "I Like What I Like" (Studio); 10.00, "The Melancholy String" (Studio); 10.30, "Song of the Thin Man" (Studio); 11.00, "The Guiney Pig" by Chetham; 11.30, "The Golden Age" (Studio); 12.00, "The Stage Club" (Studio); 1.00, "Philippa Coombes" (Studio); 1.30, "Radio Newsreel" (London Relay); 2.00, "The Voice of the People" (Studio); 2.30, "The Story of the Thin Man" (Studio); 3.00, "The Golden Age" (Studio); 3.30, "The Stage Club" (Studio); 4.00, "Music for Dancing" (Studio); 4.30, "Weather Report and Close Down" (Studio).

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

RECREIO VERY NEARLY THE CHAMPIONS

A fourth wicket stand by Hinshawood and Morris for 53 runs at Sookunpoo on Saturday helped the RAF beat Army by 29 runs in the only upset in Saturday's League Cricket.

Army, with 96 runs to make for a win, collapsed before Gambrill and Hodgson, the latter keeping up a deadly length for some of his best bowling of the season.

While Recreio took a very easy four points off a weakened Navy XI at King's Cricket, the most interesting match of the afternoon developed at the Kowloon Cricket Club where the Optimists declared at 170 for seven wickets after a knock for 91 by Franklin that did not include an easy "life."

Optimists were two wickets down for eight runs when Franklin joined Oliver and Hinshawood to put 100 up in 63 minutes for some of the brightest cricket of the year.

KCC used five bowlers in spells of two or three overs apiece in an attempt to dislodge the partnership by variety in the attack. Oliver finally went to a catch by Davidson off Robbie Lee after having helped put on 113 for the third wicket in 51 minutes.

TOO SLOW

When Optimists declared at 170 for seven, they left the KCC all the time in the world to make as much. Though Taylor promoted to opening bat, and Archie Zimmerman after him, showed the way with some encouraging hitting, KCC's batting proved too slow and the early loss of Davidson was badly felt.

When time was finally played out, KCC had 115 on the board for seven wickets, with E. C. Flincher and N. Hart-Baker, reserved for a last-wicket partnership, still to bat.

EASY GOING

Navy, against Recreio, and Crayengower, against Scorpions, both playing very scratch teams against League giants at full strength, were outclassed in every department of the game.

Recreio finished the afternoon eight points ahead of Army in the race for the Championship with RAF and KCC their remaining opponents.

Army, who have three matches left to play, are yet to face Scorpions, KCC and RAF. It looks at this stage like Recreio's championship.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio	10	11	3	2	47
Army	15	9	3	3	39
Scorpions	15	8	3	4	35
University	10	7	5	4	33
Optimists	10	6	4	3	30
KCC	14	4	5	5	21
RAF	11	3	4	4	16
IRC	13	3	3	7	15
Royal Navy	14	2	2	10	10
Crayengower	14	1	2	11	0

BATTING

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
R. W. Franklin (Optimists v. KCC)	10	11	3	2	47
A. M. Prata (Recreio v. Navy)	8	5	3	3	25
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions v. CCC)	7	7	3	3	20
L. G. Gosano (Recreio v. Navy)	6	6	3	3	18
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions v. CCC)	5	5	3	3	15
H. M. Newton (Scorpions v. CCC)	4	4	3	3	12
F/Lt. R. K. Hinshawood (RAF v. Army)	3	3	3	3	12
N. R. Oliver (Optimists v. KCC)	3	3	3	3	12

BOWLING

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Gnr. D. Banton (Army v. RAF)	10	11	3	2	47
Cpl. A. Hodgson (RAF v. Army)	12	10	3	3	40
E. F. Gee (Scorpions v. CCC)	5	5	3	3	15
F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF v. Army)	4	4	3	3	12
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v. KCC)	4	4	3	3	12

Spore Rugby XV

The Singapore United Services XV arrived at Kai Tak yesterday evening and appeared to be very fit. They will have a knock-about this morning at Sookunpoo at ten o'clock, and will meet the Club XV at five on the club ground.

For those who can manage to attend, this game should be worth watching. Arrangements and prices of admission will be as for Saturday.

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Not	Out	Runs	H. S.	Aver.
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	15	5	479	62*	47.90
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	11	6	211	30*	42.20
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	14	2	485	110	37.91
J. M. Gosano (University)	14	3	417	122*	37.90
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	13	3	368	65*	36.00
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	9	1	283	85	35.37
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	13	3	340	91	34.00
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	13	2	369	78	30.90
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	12	4	220	53	27.50
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	13	1	322	65*	20.83
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	14	0	350	64	25.61
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	13	3	255	42	25.50
G. A. Souza (Crayengower)	7	0	177	53	25.28
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	11	2	209	71	23.18
A/C J. S. Beirne (RAF)	11	3	179	57*	22.07
F. Howorth (Scorpions)	12	3	185	48	20.55
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	11	1	196	48	19.60
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	12	1	216	50	19.58
R. L. Gosano (Recreio)	11	0	190	63	17.27
R. R. Zimmers (KCC)	15	0	259	42	17.20
G. H. Choy (Crayengower)	9	0	154	39	17.11
M. M. Little (Optimists)	14	1	222	56*	17.07
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	13	0	213	60	16.38
F/O D. M. Marshall (RAF)	10	0	162	39	16.20
Gnr. D. Banton (Army)	12	2	161	37*	16.10
Maj. C. R. Mur-Brown (Army)	12	2	208	52*	15.84
D. Chellish (University)	12	0	187	47	15.58

*Not Out. Qualification: 150 runs with an average over 15.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Gnr. D. Banton (Army)	136.5	37	341	47	7.25
Cpl. Hart (Royal Navy)	91	29	204	27	7.55
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	76.4	15	215	27	7.06
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	55	5	221	26	8.50
L. A. Stepto (Army)	69	19	200	23	9.04
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	117.2	25	346	30	9.10
J. C. Koh (University)	168.3	51	365	40	9.12
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	112.5	12	404	44	9.16
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	218	49	616	63	9.77
F. Howorth (Scorpions)	107.1	40	516	44	11.72
D. McLean (Optimists)	25.1	8	270	23	11.73
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	150.5	34	530	42	12.01
F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF)	109	29	305	24	12.70
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	159.5	16	400	33	14.18
R. E. Lee (KCC)	135.1	25	544	38	14.31
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	107.5	20	340	24	14.54
A. L. Snaith (Optimists)	125.3	29	423	27	15.00
A. el Arculli, Jr (IRC)	211	33	743	47	15.80
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	150	21	501	29	17.27
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	92.4	5	349	20	17.45
T. Crabtree (Crayengower)	193.4	36	605	34	17.70

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average under 20.00.

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Recreio scored 137 to record his consecutive century in Ceylon.

At the wicket for three hours 20 minutes, he hit 24 fours in two hours six minutes.

Stollmeyer played a polished knock of 93, including nine fours, in two hours six minutes.

It was a gruelling four set affair and the Malayan star was forced to use all the court tricks he knew before the Indian player was subdued. The scores were 6-2, 7-5, 2-0, 6-4.

A large gathering of Manila fans witnessed the thrilling match. Kumar was the lone foreign entry in the championships.—Reuter.

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MR CHURCHILL HECKLED BY REDS

Demonstration In Brussels

APPEALS FOR UNITED EUROPE MOVEMENT

Brussels, Feb. 27.—Two Belgian Senators and one Communist Deputy were among the people arrested in the course of minor incidents today when Communists attempted to demonstrate against a mass rally in favour of European unity addressed by Britain's wartime leader, Mr Winston Churchill, and the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak.

The arrested Communist Deputy was M. Raymond Dispy, a former Minister without Portfolio.

Brussels police said 60 people were taken into custody during the demonstrations, which occurred in front of the Bourse, but that all were released after the meeting ended.

Earlier, Communists had shouted "Down with Churchill" as Britain's wartime Prime Minister appeared on the steps of the Stock Exchange to address a crowd of some 8,000 people on the subject of European unity, but their cries were quickly drowned by the thunderous cheers of the crowd.

A considerable force of police guarded the scene of the rally in view of earlier Communist threats. The two Communist Senators arrested were Senators Ladoue Pontevé and Fernand Minneur.

Stink bombs were dropped and minor clashes broke out on the outskirts of the crowd while hundreds of tiny pamphlets were flung into the air as Mr Churchill arrived, accompanied by the Belgian Premier, M. Spaak. Some of the pamphlets drifted to the feet of the two statesmen.

The leaflets bore these phrases: "What are the former Nazis doing on the platform of the European Movement?" "Spak, the Warmonger," and "Down with Spak."

CATCALLS DROWNED

When Mr. Churchill rose to speak, the catcalls were drowned out by applause. The crowd began chanting: "Churchill, Churchill."

As he started his speech, hecklers set up a barrage of peor and humble people earning boos. He started again, and the crowd became silent.

Mr. Churchill described the United Europe Movement as the sole means of preventing another world war even worse than the last. "A United Europe is the only way in which the broad shield of power and light can be extended over hundreds of millions of humble homes, where little children have a right to something in the world," he declared.

"I call upon you to give us your support. You need have no hesitation."

"I am sorry I cannot speak French," said Mr. Churchill, and then amidst prolonged cheers he went on: "Vive le Belge! Vive les combattants pour la liberté! Vive les droits des individus." (Long Live Belgium, the fighters for liberty and the rights of individuals).

Mr. Churchill went on: "One half of Europe is in prison today, and the other half is on its guard and justified in taking precautionary measures."

A GREAT MOMENT

The new European unity organisation, now holding its inaugural session in Brussels, was made up of courage, intelligence and perseverance, Mr. Churchill continued, adding that "it will bring welfare and freedom to all citizens; great as well as humble."

"This is a great moment in the history of Belgium, which has so often fought for great



Two pictures show H. D. Hover (left), owner of Ciro's night club, and Sergt. M. R. Sims standing amid the wreckage of Hover's home in Beverly Hills, after a bomb had been hurled into the front bedroom. No one was injured—meanwhile William J. Ward, a former shipyard welder, is questioned by police about the bombing. Ward was charged with illegal possession of explosives.—AP Pictures.

A Mother Criticises Malaya Policy

REFUSES TO ACCEPT COLONIAL SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION

London, Feb. 27.—The Sunday Express published today a letter attacking the Government's policy in Malaya from a mother whose son was killed by terrorists there.

The writer, Mrs. Helen Harrison, of Edinburgh, said in her letter: "If you can do something to bestir this blundering complacent Government, even at this late date to save his friends and the other gallant men out there still alive,

"Do the Colonial Office know what jungle warfare means? Do they realise the uneasy silence and gloom of the jungle terrifies men at rest and more particularly town-bred men? My son's last letters told of the worsening of conditions of the cracking-up of the older men, many of them ex-prisoners."

Mrs. Harrison continued: "The Communists have everything except aircraft, and all the time to wait for a cowardly attack."

Enemy No. 1 is Whitehall—that is what my son and the men

still sticking to their posts say."

Referring to a letter from Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, she said: "I do not believe what he says—every

thing is not being done—and I also believe we will lose Malaya."

"The situation seems to be out of hand now. A year too late in acting—green

troops for a 'Jungle hell.' This

product called rubber—I say

the price is too high."—Reuter.

NOVEL TYPE OF ADVT.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—At a cost of \$10,000, a Chicago firm has introduced a new household helper to the readers of the Chicago Tribune by inserting a picture of the material in the newspaper.

The advertisement, which is the most expensive single advertisement ever to be printed in a newspaper, claims that the material will pick up dirt, grease and liquids with remarkable ease.

The cost of the advertisement includes the cost of 440,000 square yards of the material upon which it was printed.

Readers were advised to try it out after rinsing the sheet in warm water and soap.

After washing the cloth was colourless and free from printing ink.—Associated Press.

Protection For Public Utilities

Madras, Feb. 27.—A Government spokesman said here today that the Government has placed all public utility premises, including water supply tanks, bridges, electric installations and aerodromes in the Madras province under a security foot-dial access to those places is now denied to the public.

The spokesman said the step had been taken because of the threatened South Indian railway strike led by a Communist Union and because "Communist subversive activities still continue in this province."—Associated Press.

Wrecked By Bomb

Transjordan And Israeli Armistice Talks To Begin Today

Rhodes, Feb. 27.—Armistice talks between Transjordan and Israel will open here on Monday, just five days after Israel and Egypt signed an armistice.

The Acting United Nations mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, who was largely responsible for the successful conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli talks, predicted that the now discussion might be more difficult. He said, "Some questions between Transjordan and Israel should only take a few hours to settle. Others may take quite some time." Top-ranking Israeli leaders, such as the delegation head, Walter Eytan, and Reuben Shiloah agree with Dr. Bunche. The first talks lasted eight weeks.

Included in tomorrow's agenda will be the discussion of a definite military agreement covering the Jerusalem-Bethlehem area and the Arab "triangle." The triangle is the region of Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin. Recent reports said that the Arab Legion had taken it over from the Iraqi Army. It was predicted that Israel will insist on the withdrawal of the British troops from the Transjordan port of Akaba on the Red sea. The British sent reinforcements to Akaba during the Negev fighting.

SURPRISING OMISSION
United Nations circles here were surprised that the delegation does not include Colonel El Tell, Arab commander in Jerusalem. Colonel Tell and his Jewish opposite, Colonel Dayan, worked out a ceasefire agreement for the Holy City and it was felt that since they had already met and exchanged opinions, their dual presence here would facilitate negotiations.

DELEGATION DELAYED
The Transjordan delegation was to have arrived in Rhodes today in two United Nations planes, but it was reported from Amman that the bad weather prevented their taking off. The delegation is expected to take off early tomorrow morning so talks can start tomorrow evening.

The Israeli delegation to the talks with Transjordan is expected to include some new faces who have not participated in talks with Egypt. It was believed that Mr. Eytan may be replaced by Mr. Shiloah or some other senior members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Colonel Moshe Dayan, who commands the Israeli forces in Jerusalem, is an almost certain addition to the delegation. The chief of military operations, Colonel Yigal Yadin, is likely to attend. The Transjordan delegation does not include any British advisers as Israeli sources pre-

dicted and feared. According to Amman reports, it has five military delegates and two civilian advisers. All are Arabs.

SHIP SINKING
Rotterdam, Feb. 27.—The London steamer, William Hudson (1,700 tons) today reported she was sinking three miles south-east of Heligoland, in the North Sea.

Two tugs from Cuxhaven, the German North Sea port, were reported to have gone to her aid.—Reuter.

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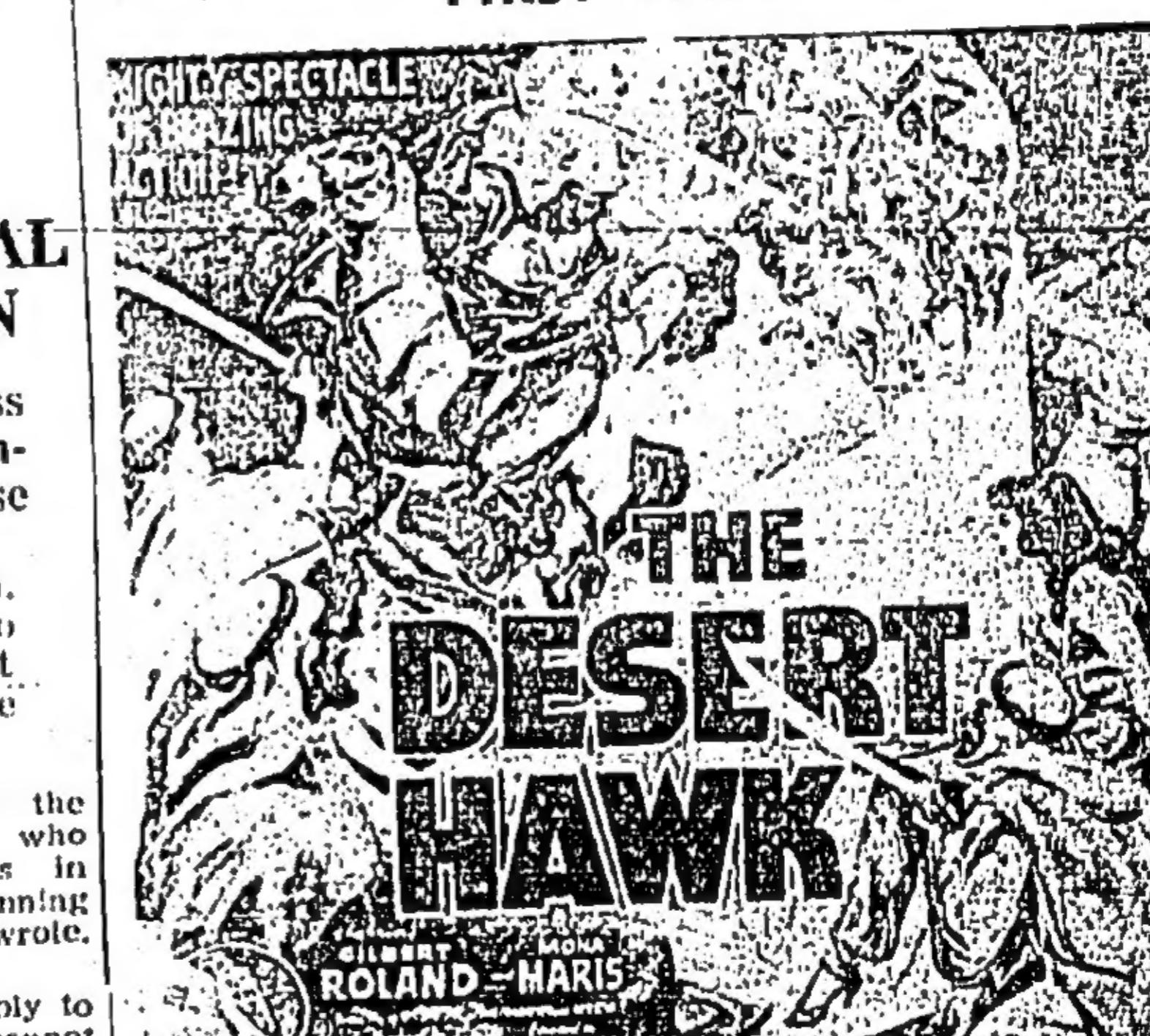
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